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Kent or Laurie:

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To: "Betenson, Matthew" <mbetenso@blm.gov>
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On Mon, Jun 26, 2017 at 3:30 PM, Betenson, Matthew <mbetenso@blm.gov> wrote:
Theresa and Allan,

Please help with question two on AUMS. A quick-immediate turnaround is needed.

Thank you!

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Tim:

1. GSENM SRP Program

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) authorizes recreation use of the public lands and related waters through the issuance of special recreation permits and recreation use permits. The BLM's authority to issue permits is described in the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 2930. The authority to collect and retain recreation fees is specified in the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (REA) of 2004 (H-2930-1).

Special recreation permits (SRPs) are authorizations that allow specified recreation use of the public lands and related waters. Commercial use means recreation use of the public lands and related waters for business or financial gain (H-2930-1). At GSENM commercial SRPs cover a wide range of activities including general guide/hiking service, hunting & fishing guides, atv/vehicle experiences, educational events (geology classes, etc), horseback riding, and bicycling. Film permits are a separate type of authorization.

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The agreement still must be approved by Congress. The deal has the support of Sen. Bob Bennett, R-Utah.

"I'm pleased that through this settlement agreement Andalex will be made whole," he said in a statement. "I look forward to working with Secretary Babbitt to help him find funds within the Interior Department budget to make good on this agreement."

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Do not know how it was funded, but checking with PFO etc.

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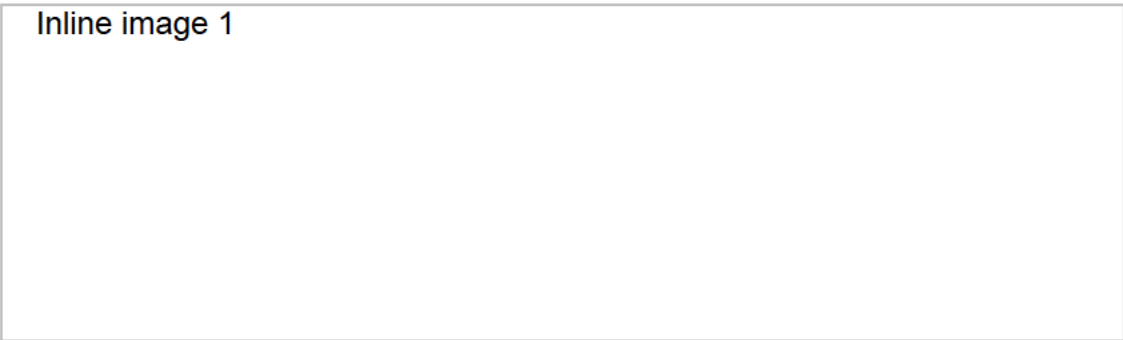
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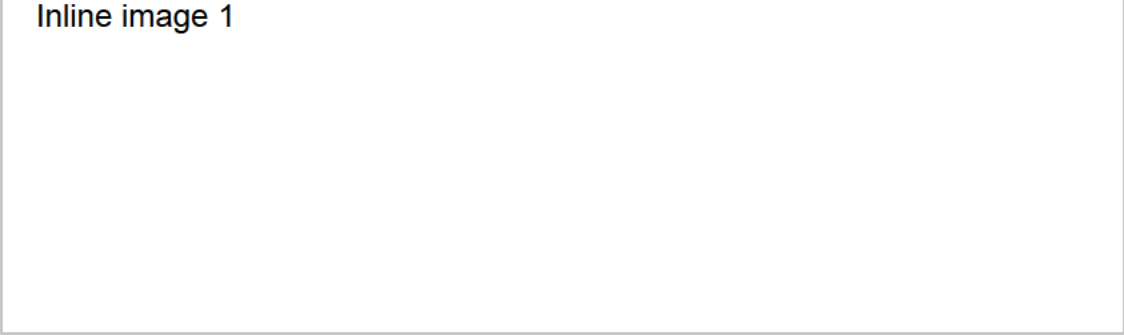
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CC: "Ginn, Allison" <aginn@blm.gov>
Subject: Re: Clarification questions for Grand Staircase Escalante
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Thanks, Cindy and Allison. Appreciate your review and getting back to Nikki.

On Tue, Jun 27, 2017 at 3:50 PM, Staszak, Cynthia <cstaszak@blm.gov> wrote:

Yes. We worked with some of Kent's shop on the coal lease question and the grazing question/answer is very standard.

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On Tue, Jun 27, 2017 at 3:11 PM, Ginn, Allison <aginn@blm.gov> wrote:

Cindy-

Are you good with Nikki's response? I didn't see anything that I felt was technically inaccurate (although grazing is outside of my expertise). If you buy off, we'll send a green light.

Regards,

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Hi Anita and Allison,

We have been responding to quite a few follow up questions on the data for the monument reviews. I wanted to check in with you on this one, particularly for question #3 and the response we have from Utah - and just make sure everyone was ok with the way it reads before I submit it to the Secretary's office. Thank you!

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